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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8664

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TAGS: CDES, PO (JOHNSON, JOSEPH ANDREW)

SUBJ: DEATH OF JOSEPH ANDREW JOHNSON

REF: STATE 237669, LISBON 6379 AND PREVIOUS

1. JOHNSON BURIED SEPTEMBER 20. SIMPLEST BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS AVAILABLE OTHER THAN SOCIAL SECURITY LUMP SUM DEATH PAYMENT. TURNER TOLD CONSUL HE HAD NO FUNDS FOR BURIAL, AND NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS. SISTER MRS. DRAYTON ALSO GAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS, REFERRING MATTER TO TURNER. CONDITION OF BODY REQUIRED BURIAL BY SEPTEMBER 20.

2. EFFECTS BEING SAFEGUARDED BY LOCAL POLICE. INFORMAL INVENTORY MADE PENDING ARRIVAL OF TURNER WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE EXECUTOR OF ESTATE. CONSUL ESTIMATES VALUE OF ESTATE INCLUDING CAR, HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS TO BE THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

3. CONSUL AND TURNER MADE THOROUGH SEARCH OF JOHNSON'S HOUSE FOR WILL BUT NONE FOUND. NO WILL DEPOSITED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. WE ARE NOW ASSUMING THAT NO WILL EXISTS AND JOHNSON DIED INTESTATE.

4. JOHNSON BORN IN PENNSYLVANIA. HIS LATEST PASSPORT D079446 ISSUED PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 10, 1973. EARLIER PASSPORT GIVES JOHNSON'S U.S. ADDRESS AS PHILADELPHIA. HIS SOCIAL SECURITY UNCLASSIFIED

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CHECK MAILED TO NIECE'S PENNSYLVANIA ADDRESS.

TRYING FACTORS APPARENTLY BRING PENNSYLVANIA LAW  
TO BEAR ON THIS CASE.

5. NEXT OF KIN ARE SISTER MRS. M.C. DRAYTON,  
403 S. WASHINGTON ST., EASTON, MARYLAND; BROTHER  
WILLIAM JOHNSON, ADDRESS UNKNOWN; AND BROTHER  
DAVID JOHNSON, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. ASSUME MRS.  
DRAYTON ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDRESSES OF TWO BROTHERS.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION  
ON APPROPRIATE COURSE TO FOLLOW GIVE CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF CASE. ARE AFFIDAVITS FROM NEXT OF KIN ACCEPTABLE  
TO ESTABLISH CLAIM TO ESTATE WITH VALUE OF \$3,500?  
IF SO, APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORT TO CONTACT  
JOHNSON'S THREE SIBLINGS WITH THIS INFORMATION.  
IF AFFIDAVITS NOT ACCEPTABLE, PRESUME THAT LETTERS  
OF ADMINISTRATION MUST BE PRESENTED.  
CONSUL WILL MAKE OFFICIAL INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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